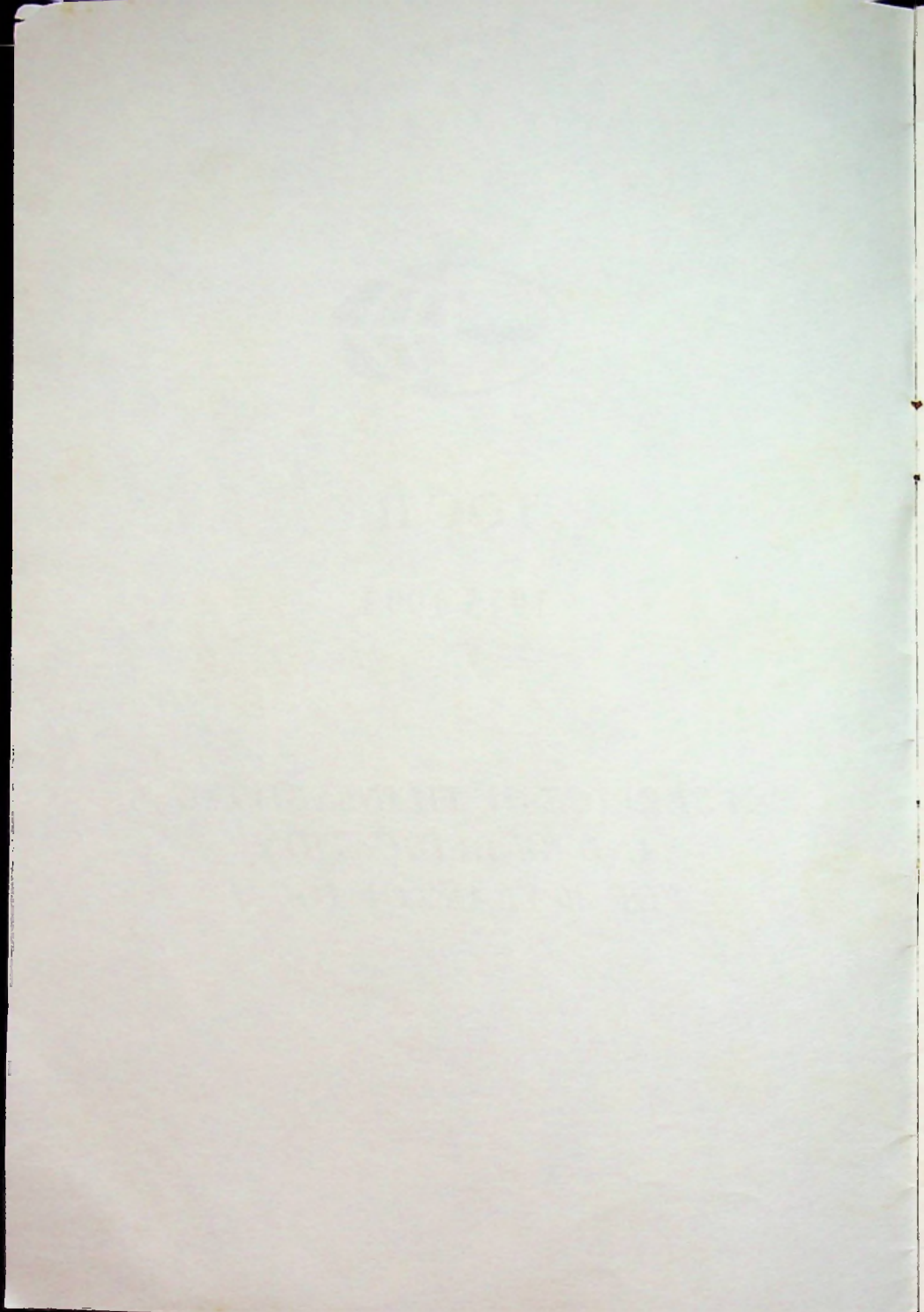




TOC H

1915-1995

***A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
AND RE-DEDICATION
FOR 80 YEARS OF TOC H***





80 YEARS OF TOC H
BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER
1915 - 1995

You are welcome to this Service of
Thanksgiving and Rededication.

HYMN

A hymn of Praise or Thanksgiving

WELCOMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Chaplain: We have come together as a family, to celebrate and give thanks for 80 years of Toc H. Our lives have been changed by being with this great Movement. We have rediscovered for ourselves in our own generation the eternal realities. Yet, while we give thanks, we also recognise that we have not always lived up to our calling. We have not always loved widely, nor built bravely, nor thought fairly, nor witnessed humbly. In silence let us remember where we have failed in our commitment, hurt others, hurt ourselves and hurt God.

SHORT SILENCE

We are called to be like lamps shedding light around us;
we are called to be like yeast lifting everybody up; we are
called to be like salt bringing out the best in people:

ALL: We have been like lamps switched off,
like dead yeast, like tasteless salt.
We have kept people in the dark
and not brought them love;
We have kept people at arms length
and not given them service;
We have treated people as less than ourselves
and not been fairminded;
We have raised ourselves up
and not listened for the true God.
Father, forgive us,
make us light, yeast and salt again,
and lead us to commitment to our calling
and confidence in your strength. Amen.

Please STAND for the HYMN:

(Words based on the Prayer of St Francis.

Tune by Sebastian Temple, Arr Betty Pulkingham.)

Make me a channel of your peace.

**Where there is hatred let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon Lord;
and where there's doubt true faith in you.**

*Oh master grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

**Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness ever joy.**

Oh master grant...

**Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all men that we receive;
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

FOUR POINTS OF THANKSGIVING

Please SIT or KNEEL

FRIENDSHIP - TO LOVE WIDELY

Reader 1: Lord, we come before you surrounded by members of the Toc H community.

**ALL: We share our happiness with each other
and it becomes greater.**

**We share our troubles with each other
and they seem smaller.**

Reader 2: Let us not separate ourselves from the true strength of our community: the experience and wisdom of old people, the hopes of the young, and the examples of care and courage which sustain us.

**ALL: We thank you for the harmony that unites us.
We thank you for the friendship
that fills our lives.**

**We thank you for the good that we can do,
led by your spirit.**

**We pray for your help.
May we find our joy together,
and bless you for the power you give us
to love each other. Amen.**

(Adapted from Forms of Prayer for Jewish Worship)

Please STAND

Chaplain: We are called to love widely. Our friendship crosses all the barriers of colour and creed, and embraces those who are otherwise rejected and unloved.

ALL: We give thanks for friendship,
for love received and given.
We give thanks for the community of Toc H,
and in token of our commitment to love widely
we extend to our neighbours
the hand of friendship.

(All exchange a handshake with their neighbours.)

Please SIT or KNEEL

SERVICE - TO BUILD BRAVELY

Reader: You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give. There are those who give with joy, and that joy is their reward. Through the hands of such as these God speaks, and from behind their eyes He smiles upon the earth.

(From The Prophet: Kahlil Gibran)

ALL: Teach us, good Lord,
to serve thee as thou deservest;
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not to ask for any reward,
save that of knowing that we do thy will. Amen.

(St Ignatius Loyola,

used as the prayer of the Toc H Women's Association)

Please STAND

Chaplain: We are called to build bravely. Our service is a sharing of friendship without condescension, a giving of ourselves to others in joy.

ALL: We give thanks for the challenges of service,
for the fact of more gained than given.
We give thanks for the community of Toc H,
and in token of our commitment to build bravely
we sing together:

HYMN

A hymn of faith in action or service.

Please SIT

FAIRMINDEDNESS - TO THINK FAIRLY

Reader: To be fairminded, for the individual member, is, first and foremost, to have the habit of an open and hospitable mind.

(Dorothy Lemon)

Chaplain: We are called to think fairly. Our fairmindedness is a confrontation with prejudice, a willingness to listen to others while finding our own convictions.

ALL: We give thanks for the call to be fairminded,
for learning from others and being listened to.
We give thanks for the community of Toc H,
and in token of our commitment to think fairly
we open our hearts and minds
to hear the words of others.

READINGS

Isaiah 63 (Revised Standard Version)

I will recount the steadfast love of the Lord, the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel which he has granted them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

Colossians 3 (Revised Standard Version)

Put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

ADDRESS

Please STAND for the HYMN:

A hymn appropriate to the theme of the Address.

Please SIT or KNEEL

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

- TO WITNESS HUMBLY

Reader 1: We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it. *(Ephesians 2)*

Reader 2: Preach the Gospel in silence from the rooftop of your life. *(Charles de Foucault)*

Chaplain: We are called to witness humbly. Through friendship, service and fairmindedness we work for the kingdom of God in the world and discover it in ourselves.

ALL: We give thanks for the pattern

of the kingdom of God,
for the opportunity to discover faith
and to live it.

We give thanks for the community of Toc H,
and in token of our commitment
to witness humbly we pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are
yours now and for ever. Amen.

Please STAND

THE CEREMONY OF LIGHT

We are called to be instruments of God's will.

Where there is hatred, let us bring love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is sadness, joy;

And where there is darkness, let us bring light.

(A full one minute's silence)

Let your light so shine before men
that they may see your good works
ALL: And glorify our Father which is in heaven.

REDEDICATION

Chaplain: In thanksgiving for 80 years, we pray for Toc H across the world by saying together:

ALL: O God who has so wonderfully made Toc H, and set us in it to see our duty as thy will, teach us to live together in love and joy and peace; to check all bitterness; to disown discouragement; to practise thanksgiving, and to leap with joy to any task for others. Strengthen the good thing thus begun; that with gallant and high-hearted happiness we may work for thy kingdom in the wills of all; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Chaplain: In thanksgiving for 80 years, we renew our commitment to Toc H by saying together:

ALL: In celebration of all that Toc H is today,
We rededicate ourselves
to the journey of discovery in Toc H
through developing loving relationships
and seeking personal wholeness;
We rededicate ourselves to the future of Toc H
in friendship and service,
seeking fairmindedness
and the Kingdom of God;
Following the Light of the World. Amen.

HYMN:

A hymn of praise or commitment.

THE BLESSING

Go out into the world.

Carry with you God's love in your heart,
and share it with all people.

Take with you Christ's peace
and give it, in turn, to all who are in need of it

Bear with you the Holy Spirit's blessing
and wherever you go there may it abide.

So shall all people know that you have walked with God
and give thanks that you have also walked with them.

And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be with you and all those whom you love
now and always. **Amen.**



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